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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: 32ND UNGA - PRE-SESSION  
CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 205678

1. SUMMARY. PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH MFA OFFICERS ON  
ISSUES LISTED IN REFTEL INDICATE CONTINUED GNZ SUPPORT  
FOR US POSITIONS EXCEPT ON QUESTION OF MANDATORY ARMS  
EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAWING ON REFTEL, POLITICAL ISSUES LISTED THERE WERE  
DISCUSSED WITH NEW MFA UN DIVISION HEAD, HARLE FREEMAN-  
GREENE (RECENTLY RETURNED TO WELLINGTON FROM POSTING AT NZ  
MISSION TO UN) AND BRIAN ABSOLUM, HEAD OF AFRICA, MIDDLE  
EAST, COMMONWEALTH DIVISION. FREEMAN-GREENE STATED GNZ  
POSITIONS TAKEN LAST YEAR WOULD GENERALLY BE MAINTAINED  
IN FORTHCOMING SESSIONS. MORE PARTICULARLY, HE SAID NZ  
DELEGATION WOULD BE ACTIVE IN DRAFTING A COMPREHENSIVE  
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TEST BAN RESOLUTION AND WOULD BE SEEKING GA ENDORSEMENT  
OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION ON THE TOKELAU ISLANDS  
(A/RES/31/48, 17 DEC 1976). ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED  
SEPARATELY WITH MR. LANCE BEATH AND DR. RICHARD GRANT,  
SECTION HEADS IN THE ECONOMIC DIVISION. ALL LISTED ISSUES  
EXCEPT KOREA WERE DISCUSSED. SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:

3. RHODESIA - ABSOLUM INDICATED SUPPORT FOR POINTS RAISED ON RHODESIA AND OFFERED TO SEND A COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTER TALBOYS' JUST-RELEASED STATEMENT ENDORSING THE JOINT US-UK PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT (REPORTED SEPARATELY IN WELLINGTON 04046).

4. APARTHEID - ABSOLUM THOUGHT GNZ WOULD SUPPORT A CHAPTER VII MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. (THIS WAS THE ONLY POLITICAL ISSUE WHERE OUR POSITIONS DIVERGED.)

5. DISARMAMENT - FREEMAN-GREENE INQUIRED ABOUT THE US POSITIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 46 ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BOTH OF WHICH WERE NOT COVERED IN REFTEL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE SHARED ON THESE POINTS.

6. PUERTO RICO AND GUAM - FREEMAN-GREENE SAID GNZ WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US ON THESE ISSUES.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS - WHILE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER, FREEMAN-GREENE THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS THIS YEAR AND MENTIONED AN AUSTRALIAN ALTERNATIVE, AN AD HOC GROUP, WHICH HE INTENDED TO DISCUSS WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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AUSTRALIANS NEXT WEEK.

8. CIEC - ALTHOUGH IT GENERALLY IS WARY OF RESTRICTED GROUPING OF WHICH IT IS NOT A MEMBER, NEW ZEALAND HEARTILY ENDORSES THE CIEC EXERCISE AND WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE PARIS TALKS. AS A SMALL COUNTRY, NEW ZEALAND LOOKS TO THE US AND THE OTHER LARGE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE OVERALL NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. IN GENERAL, NEW ZEALAND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS.

9. OMNIBUS ASSESSMENT ITEM AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - THE NEW ZEALANDERS HAVE NOT REALLY FOCUSED ON THESE ISSUES.

10. COMMON FUND - NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND AND PARTICULARLY WELCOMES WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS A MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ISSUE. SELDEN

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